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ALAMEDA

An expanding program at the University of California, School of Public Health has lead to the appointment of additional staff this year. **Charles Henry Hine, M.D., Ph.D.**, has been appointed Lecturer in Toxicology. Dr. Hine was Research Assistant in Toxicology with the Wisconsin Alumni Research Fund; later was in private work as a research consultant. He served in the Navy in this field also. Dr. Hine received his M.D. from the Medical School, University of Wisconsin.

William W. Stiles, M.D., M.P.H., has been appointed Associate Professor of Public Health. Dr. Stiles received his M.D. at the University of Rochester in New York.

Dr. W. McDowell Hammon, professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, has been named vice-president of the Society of American Bacteriologists. The society is a national organization of those devoted to research in bacteria and other micro-organisms. Dr. Hammon, who also served in the University's Hooper Foundation on the San Francisco campus, is internationally known for his research in the virus encephalitides.

Dr. Bernado A. Houssay, noted Argentine endocrinologist who recently was named one of the recipients of the 1947 Nobel Prize for Medicine, will deliver the traditional **Hitchcock Lectures** in January on the Berkeley campus of the University of California. Dr. Houssay, who is director of the Instituto de Biología y Medicina Experimental in Buenos Aires, will deliver six lectures beginning January 8. He is an expert on carbohydrate metabolism.

LAKE

Dr. Charles Ambrose has resigned as Tulare County health officer and has been succeeded by **Dr. Raymond L. Knight**.

LOS ANGELES

The Third Annual Obstetrical and Gynecological Postgraduate Assembly of Southern California will be held in Los Angeles, February 9 to 14, 1948. The Faculty this year will include: **Richard W. Te Linde, M.D.**, Professor of Gynecology, Johns Hopkins; **Samuel A. Cosgrove, M.D.**, Director, Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital, Jersey City; **Edward A. Strecker, M.D.**, Professor of Psychiatry, Pennsylvania; **John Rock, M.D.**, Visiting Surgeon of the Free Hospital for Women, Boston; and **Arthur T. Hertig, M.D.**, Assistant Professor Pathology and Obstetrics, Harvard. Invitations will be issued shortly to members of the various local obstetrical and gynecological societies of the western states, and to diplomates of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology in this area. Provisions will be made for those attending previous assemblies.

Dr. E. Eric Larson, associate editor of the American Journal of Surgery and a director of the California Division of the American Cancer Society, has been elected president of the Alumni Association of the Mayo Foundation.

A course of lectures and demonstrations in **Clinical Endocrinology**, to be held in the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, February 23-28, inclusive, has been announced by the Postgraduate Committee of the Association for the Study of Internal Secretions. The course is designed to be of interest and value to the general practitioner as well as to the specialist. Further information may be obtained from **Dr. E. Kost Shelton**, 921 Westwood Boulevard, Los Angeles 24.

SAN DIEGO

The Postgraduate Assembly sponsored by the Staff of the San Diego County General Hospital, which was held October 6 and 7, was pronounced an unqualified success by more than 300 doctors from Arizona, Ohio, and all of the Southern California Counties, who attended. Plans are already being laid for an even larger event to be held next year.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. William Anthony Reilly, former chairman of the Program Committee of the San Francisco County Medical Society and long active in Society affairs, has accepted the professorship and position as head of the newly formed, full-time Department of Pediatrics at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine in Little Rock.

A tumor "inventory," which will increase knowledge of the natural history of different types of cancer and indicate the efficiency of various forms of treatment, is now functioning at the University of California Medical School. The inventory was set up under the direction of **Dr. Isabella Perry**, assistant professor of pathology, in recognition of the need for uniform statistical data on cancer.

"A registry and follow-up of cases is as important to cancer treatment as an inventory to business," **Dr. Perry** said. "Current problems call for integrating the medical knowledge and interest in cancer with the techniques of statistical research, acceptance of uniform records and nomenclature, and the integration of efforts of various organizations registering cancers."

Dr. William F. Wagner, resigned last month as chief of the division of tuberculosis control of the San Francisco Health Department in order to take charge of the State of Virginia's tuberculosis control operations.

Dr. Merrill C. Mensor was elected president of the Western Orthopedic Association at the annual meeting of the Association held in Los Angeles early last month. More than 200 doctors from 11 western states attended the meeting.

Dr. Anthony J. J. Rourke, physician superintendent of Stanford University Hospitals, recently was elected a member of the board of trustees of the American Hospital Association at the association's 49th annual convention in St. Louis.

Dr. Rea E. Ashley, San Francisco, has been elected second vice-president of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. The election took place at the academy's annual meeting at Chicago in October. Doctor Ashley is a member of the Stanford Medical School faculty.

Dr. Howard A. Brown, associate clinical professor of neurological surgery at the University of California Medical School, has been elected president of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery.

TULARE

Dr. M. C. Beil of Upper Lake, California, has replaced **Dr. Richard A. Macklin** as the health officer of Lake County.

GENERAL

The **Council on Industrial Health** will hold its Eighth Annual Congress on Industrial Health in the Cleveland Auditorium, Cleveland, on January 5 and 6, 1948. These dates immediately precede the Interim Session of the American Medical Association, which will be held in the Auditorium on January 7 and 8.

The program of the Congress is being constructed with general practitioners in mind and will include discussions of first aid and emergency services in industry, physical examinations, administrative practices, applied physiology, aviation medicine, radiation medicine and practical expositions of occupational disease management, traumatic surgery and rehabilitation.

The National Federation of Small Business, Inc., San Mateo, Calif., which has been leading an intensive fight against socialized medicine, is sponsoring a series of radio broadcasts on the subject. Some time ago the federation, which is composed of independent business men from every section of the country, conducted a poll among its members on whether or not they favor House Bill S. 1320—the revised version of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill. Results were: For—13 per cent; against—85 per cent; No vote—2 per cent.

"**Cancer Teaching Days**" have been planned for presentation of refresher courses to county medical societies and hospital staffs during the coming year by the Chronic Disease Service of the California Department of Public Health, the Cancer Commission of the California Medical Association and the California Division, American Cancer Society. The refresher courses will consist of one-day teaching visits to local non-metropolitan areas by local selected clinicians representing the various specialties which have a particular contribution to make toward cancer control. The program has been designed to extend the post-graduate cancer professional education program from the medical school centers out into the other parts of the State. Programs will be given at the request of the local medical society.

The **American Urological Association** offers an annual award of \$1,000 (first prize of \$500, second prize \$300, and third prize \$200) for essays on the result of some clinical or laboratory research in Urology. Competition shall be limited to urologists who have been in such specific practice for not more than five years and to residents in urology in recognized hospitals. The first prize essay will appear on the program of the forthcoming meeting of the American Urological Association, to be held at the Hotel Statler, Boston, Massachusetts, May 17-20, 1948.

For full particulars write the Secretary, **Dr. Thomas D. Moore**, 899 Madison Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. Essays must be in his hands before March 1, 1948.

An invitation to readers of **CALIFORNIA MEDICINE** to nominate speakers and suggest titles of papers on new developments in thoracic surgery and medical treatment of tuberculosis, to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the **California Tuberculosis and Health Association** and the **California Trudeau Society** in Long Beach, April 1, 2, 3, was extended by **Dr. Thomas B. Wiper**, Chairman of the Medical Section, Program Committee.

The next written examination (Part I) of **American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology** for all candidates will be held in various cities of the United States and Canada on Friday, February 6, 1948, at 2 p.m. Candidates who successfully complete the Part I examination proceed automatically to the Part II examination held later in the year.

Officers who will serve for the 1947-48 term were announced recently by the **California Society of Internal Medicine**, an organization with over 400 members. President is **Donald E. Griggs**, Los Angeles County; vice-president, **Harold Behneman**, Riverside County; secretary-treasurer, **DeWitt K. Burnham**, San Francisco. Other members of the society's council are: **H. Gordon MacLean**, Alameda County; **Harold C. Torbert**, San Diego County; **Donald Carson**, San Francisco County; **Frank B. Reardan**, Sacramento County; **Gurth Carpenter**, Los Angeles County; **C. Kelly Canelo**, Santa Clara County.

Dr. Richard Bullis of Los Angeles has been elected president of the **Board of Medical Examiners**, succeeding **Dr. Herbert C. Chapman** of Stockton, San Joaquin County. **Dr. Clayton Mote**, an assistant clinical professor at the University of California Medical School, San Francisco, has been appointed to the board by Governor **Earl Warren** to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of **Dr. Chapman**. The board also elected **Dr. Anthony Diepenbrock** of San Francisco as vice-president and reelected **Dr. Frederick Scatena** of Sacramento as secretary-treasurer. **Dr. Joseph Zeiler** of Los Angeles is the retiring vice-president.

The California Attorney General's Office, in an opinion issued recently, held that county boards of supervisors have the right to choose the doctors who practice in county hospitals. Supervisors may exclude certain types of practitioners even though they may be licensed by the state, according to the opinion, which reverses a previous ruling.